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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing and Discussion of the Proposed [] Contract Between
NPIC and Headquarters Personnel on 20 August 1970

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1. Attendees:



2. Headquarters personnel listed above were briefed and shown the movie explaining the Interactive Display System of [] its capabilities for automated editing, graphics creation, and assistance to the interpreter. Our proposed follow-on experimental program was also discussed with them.

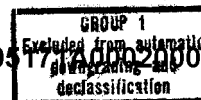
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3. The reaction of this group to our proposed program was generally very favorable. [] first suggested participating in the experiments but after some discussion decided to request only observation of the experiments. The interest of OCI seemed to lie primarily with the text editing capabilities of the [] system. [] apparently was interested in both the text editing and graphics capabilities. Many questions were asked concerning the capabilities and specifications of the equipment. Questions were asked about the number of terminals that could be connected to one system, and the amount of core storage. There was also a question concerning the amount of training that would be necessary to allow an editor to work the system. They asked us if we had considered acquiring a system like []. Our answer was that we had considered it but that [] had advised against it. [] felt that the [] system was quite capable of handling our proposed experiments. When asked if there were other systems on the market that could do editing (but not graphics) for a lower cost we answered that such systems were available but that they were not as versatile nor as capable as the proposed system.

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4. [] called on 21 August to ask a few more questions. He said he would be briefing [] on the [] system that same day. He also said that he wanted [] Chief of the Systems Analysis Branch of CRS to see the [] movie and briefing. We expressed our willingness to do so at his convenience.

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